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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Hamilton

LCC: Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: To identify community issues that contribute to substance abuse, and in turn to plan, develop, support and implement coordinated comprehensive efforts which will improve the quality of life in Hamilton County.

History: Hamilton County is located in central Indiana, to the north of Marion County. Marion County is the state's largest county and encompasses the state's largest city, Indianapolis. Until the last fifteen to twenty years, Hamilton County land use was almost totally devoted to agricultural use. However, Hamilton County has become, in recent years, the fastest growing county in the state, and it is now in the process of becoming primarily residential in its land use, with a suburban, bedroom community atmosphere. The current population of Hamilton County is 289,495. The increase in population has brought a great increase in social problems, including illegal alcohol and drug use.

Hamilton County is served by six school districts with a sheriff's department and eight different local police departments. There are two city courts, one Circuit Court and six Superior Courts serving the county. The county is also served by one jail, one juvenile services center, a community corrections center and over 180 churches.

Hamilton County is primarily a wealthy, white collar region, but there are pockets of below poverty populations within the county.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

Planning Process:

Group meetings were held with the segments of the County to include in the Comprehensive Plan, these being Treatment Providers, School Personnel, Law Enforcement/Judicial, Adults and Juvenile Probation Officers, Prosecutors Office, Juvenile Detention Center Community Corrections. The needs assessment and community input came out of these meetings.

The involvement of the County Commissioners in the Comprehensive Process is that of being the overseer of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. This Council has been designated by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County as the responsible agency to promote and carry out comprehensive initiatives which are in accordance with the purposes of the fund.

Significant Problems:

The Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs identified several problem areas as a result of this series of meetings/input:

1. There continues to be alcohol use among juveniles and alcohol abuse among adults in Hamilton County.

2. There continues to be tobacco use among adults and juveniles in Hamilton County.
3. There continues to be marijuana use among adults and juveniles in Hamilton County.
4. There continues to be a problem regarding the abuse of and illicit use of controlled substances in Hamilton County.

Monitoring Role of the LCC:

The primary purpose of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs is to provide the impetus for the county to develop more coordinated, comprehensive approaches to the issues and problems related to alcohol and other drug abuse in Hamilton County. It is the intention of the Local Coordinating Committee (LCC) to remain a voluntary representative group of concerned citizens, under the leadership of a paid director-overseer, committed to an environment free of drug abuse, so as to improve the quality of life in Hamilton County.

Strategic planning is important for any group which is developing long term solutions to complex problems. The LCC's role will be to provide:

1. Strategic Planning;
2. Facilitation;
3. Information dissemination for front line program personnel in Hamilton County;
4. Monitoring of the programs and results as they apply to the Comprehensive Plan and its recommended action steps and benchmarks.

In the area of planning, the LCC will implement the strategic plan by:

1. Collecting the information necessary to determine needs;
2. Using this information to facilitate the creation of programs to meet the needs;
3. Facilitating coordination among existing and new programs so as to minimize duplication;
4. Prioritizing program funding.

In its facilitation, the LCC will provide opportunities for program and treatment providers to meet with each other and discuss new ideas, available resources, strategies of operation, plus share equipment and ideas when possible, in a team-building mode.

Information disseminating is the third important function of an LCC Program. Providers typically do not have the resources necessary to identify and locate similar programs or locate new program ideas. The LCC in its coordinating position becomes a clearinghouse for program providers, as well as a library of current resources.

Monitoring will be an ongoing, overseeing activity which applies to all programs, projects, activities, and funding to make certain they are in compliance with the Plan's stated objectives.

Guidelines for Funding of Programs/Projects

A. Request for Funding Procedures

All requests for funding must address at least one specific problem statement or action step that has been included in the Comprehensive Plan that has been developed by The Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Proposed programs being considered for funding must be categorized in one of the following three Council areas:

- Prevention/Education
- Intervention/Treatment
- Judicial/Law Enforcement

Requests for Assistance Forms must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Council by the first Wednesday of each month in order to be considered by the Council's Program Evaluation Committee prior to the Council's monthly LCC meeting which is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Upon request of the Program Evaluation Committee, the program administrator or his or her representative must be available to attend the Evaluation Committee Meeting when their funding proposal is discussed.

Failure of the applicants to follow all LCC accounting and program evaluation steps on previous program funding requirements may result in denial of current funding.

Programs cannot be funded retroactively. Application and granting of funds must be done before the program implementation occurs.

Program Evaluation Committee members, who are directly involved in a program for which an application for funding has been made, must abstain from voting on whether or not that program will be funded.

B. Evaluation Committee Procedures for Making Funding Decisions

The following policies and procedures will be utilized by the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) in the decision making concerning Requests for Funding:

1. All requests for funding will be filed with the Executive Director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, and he will serve as the liaison between the party requesting the funds and the Council's Program Evaluation Committee. This process will include the pre-screening of requests to ensure that all needed information has been furnished on the Request for Assistance Form and that the request meets all of the requirements, as outlined by the Program Evaluation Committee Funding Procedures.
2. All requests received which meet these criteria will be presented to the Program Evaluation Committee for review for possible funding. The Program Evaluation Committee is the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs Board of Directors.
3. Criteria of the Program Evaluation Committee for approving funding is as follows:
 - a. That funds are available in the account category (i.e. - Prevention/Education, Treatment/Intervention, and Judicial/Law Enforcement) in which the funding request falls;
 - b. That funds are alternatively available in the special projects account;
 - c. That the funds are available through other grant funds which the Council administers;
 - d. That the program for which funding is being requested addresses a specific need as outlined in the Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan;
 - e. That the goals and objectives of the proposed program be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Council;
 - f. That all other possible sources for funding have been identified and exhausted by the party requesting the funding;
 - g. That the applicants for funding agree to submit periodic reports to the Council's Program Evaluation Committee which shall include accounting for the funds, the expenditures, and an evaluation of the funded programs;
 - h. That the applicants agree to make a good faith effort to provide and maintain a drug free work place, which is a primary emphasis of the Council.
4. The Program Evaluation Committee votes on each request for funding and makes its recommendation to the Executive Director of the Council.
5. The Executive Director, at the next scheduled LCC meeting, presents the program Evaluation Committee's recommendation to the Council's membership.
6. The Executive Director forwards the recommendations of the Program Evaluation Committee to the Program Manager, Substance Abuse Services at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for review and approval.

7. Within ten (10) working days, the Executive Director of the Council will notify the parties requesting the program funding of the Board of Directors' final decision and any recommendations.

8. Programs that are denied funding because they do not meet the Council's funding requirements, will be afforded an opportunity to resubmit their funding-proposal, upon meeting the recommendations of the Board of Directors and the Program Evaluation Committee.

C. Tracking of funds:

The LCC will require all funded programs to submit financial reports to verify that funds are being used for the purpose which they were requested. These financial reports must be as follows:

1. For programs receiving a grant for a project that lasts less than three months in duration, a financial report will be required at the program's completion as part of the evaluation of that program. This report must specify expenditures and be accompanied by copies of substantiating invoices.
2. For programs receiving a single grant for a program lasting more than three months, the program administrator must submit quarterly financial reports to the Council, which must specify expenditures made to date and the balance of grant funds. A final report will be required at the completion of the program, which must include copies of substantiating invoices for all expenditures of the program.
3. For approved programs that will submit claims to the LCC as funds are expended, copies of invoices are required for each submitted claim. In addition, a final report is required at the completion of the program.
4. Projects that are funded by the LCC must use those funds only in the manner approved by the LCC Board. Any deviation from the approved expenditures must be approved in advance by the LCC Board.
5. Any grant funds from the LCC that are not expended during the course of the program, or that have been improperly expended, must be returned to the LCC.

D. Evaluation of projects:

All programs that are funded to any degree with LCC funds must submit a program evaluation form at the conclusion of the program or at any other time as requested by the LCC. Failure to submit evaluation of a program may affect requests for funding.

Membership List

County LCC Name:

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Steve Nation	Superior Court 1	C	M	Judiciary
2	Madonna Wagoner	Director: Hamilton County Probation	C	F	Probation
3	Ralph Watson	Director: Hamilton County Community Corrections	C	M	Judiciary
4	Mark Bowen	Hamilton County Sheriff	C	M	Local Government
5	Angie Jones	Program Coordinator – Drug Free Communities Support Grant	C	F	Treatment
6	Jim Barlow	Carmel Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
7	Mark Fidler	Hamilton County Jail Chaplain	C	M	Faith Based
8	Jim Hunter	Cicero Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
9	Steven Southwood	Hamilton County Community Corrections	C	M	Judiciary
10	Tim Green	Police Chief – Carmel	C	M	Law Enforcement
11	Brad Arnold	Police Noblesville	C	M	Law Enforcement
12	Keri Murry	Hamilton County Probation	C	F	Probation
13	Jeff Marcum	Direct: Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center	C	M	Law Enforcement
14	Brett Keith	Carmel Police Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
15	Lee Buckingham	Hamilton County Prosecutor	C	M	Judiciary

16	Kyra Moore	Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville	C	F	Prevention
17	Amy Summerfield	Hamilton County Prosecutors Office	C	F	Judiciary
18	Scott Thomas	Pro-Active Resources	C	M	Treatment
19	Alphonso Bailey	Down But NOT OUT	AA	M	Treatment
20	Jim Ginder	Hamilton County Health Department	C	M	Government
21	Bill Curl	Sheridan Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
22	Gail Bardach	Hamilton County Superior Court	C	F	Judiciary
23	Eric Juarez	Hamilton County Probation	C	M	Probation
24	Jane Wildman	Carmel Schools	C	M	Education
25	Pam Dusendsuchen	Aspire	C	F	Treatment
26	Tom Simpson	Gospel Trades	C	M	Faith Based
27	Teri Parke	Promising Futures	C	F	Treatment
28	Mitch Thompson	Fishers Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
29	Patty Hagen	Guerin Catholic High School	C	F	Education
30	Colleen Silveira	Hamilton County Parent	C	F	Citizen
31	Michael Mabie	Carmel Police	C	F	Law Enforcement
32	Maureen Keller	GED Coordinator	C	F	Education
33	Steve Toleos	Indiana State Excise Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
34	Pamela Davis	The AWE Center	AA	F	Treatment
35	Michelle Mitchell	Harbour Shores Church	C	F	Faith Based
36	Cindy Knapp	Noblesville Parks	C	F	Prevention
37	Susie Davis	Noblesville Parks	C	F	Prevention

38	Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Probation	C	M	Probation
39	Andre Miksha	Hamilton County Prosecutors Office	C	M	Law Enforcement
40	Amanda Summer	Promising Futures of Central Indiana	C	F	Treatment
41	Jeff Weir	Sheridan Police Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
42	Dave Hildebrand	Police Chief – Cicero	C	M	Law Enforcement
43	Pat Cowger	Aspire	C	M	Treatment
44	Monica Greer	Hamilton County Probation	C	F	Prevention
45	Jim Wafford	Logan Street Signs and Banners	C	M	Business Community
46	Jeremiah Gillam	Indiana State Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
47	Jeff Rader	Indiana State Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
48	James Martin	Suburban North Club	C	M	Treatment
49	Victoria Davis	Comcast Spotlight	C	F	Media
50	John Woods	Arcadia Police Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
51	Doug Carter	Hamilton County Citizen	C	M	Citizen
52	Ron McDougal	Hamilton County Out of School Suspension Program	C	M	Education
53	Amber Orr	Hamilton County Probation	C	F	Probation
54	Krista Radican	Hamilton County CARE Program	C	F	Government
55	Michelle Corrao	Prevail	C	F	Treatment
56	Nikki Zachery	Sheridan Schools	C	F	Education
57	Elizabeth Wright	Hamilton Heights Schools	C	F	Education

58	John Copeland	Indiana State Excise Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
59	Amy Shankland	City of Noblesville	C	F	City Government
60	Cara Culp	City of Noblesville	C	F	City Government
61	Ellen Mallery	Riverview Hospital	C	F	Treatment
62	Dr. Derek Arrowood	Hamilton Heights High School	C	M	Education
63	C.J. Miller	Hamilton County Probation	C	M	Government
64	Lisa Wissman	Hamilton County Citizen	C	F	Parent
65	Brittany Clements	Promising Futures	C	F	Treatment
66	Brad Cole	J P Morgan Chase	C	M	Business Community
67	Ken Dorsey	Suburban North Club	C	M	Treatment
68	Christine Brown	Youth Assistance Program	C	F	Education
69	Anthony McClure	Atlanta Police Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
70	Lisa Samuals	Sheridan Schools	C	F	Education
71	L. Joe Pechous	Suburban North Club	C	M	Treatment
72	John Lowes	Westfield Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
73	Dawn Everidge	Hamilton Southeastern Parents in Partnership	C	F	Education
74	Steve Pickett	Fishers Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
75	Aaron Dietz	Hamilton County Drug Task Force	C	M	Law Enforcement
76	Bret Bailey	Hamilton Heights Schools	C	M	Education
77	Peggy Smiley	GSK Consumer Healthcare	C	F	Medical
78	Keme Henderson	Prevail	C	F	Treatment
79	Leatrice Taylor	AWE Center	AA	F	Treatment
80	Sara Gutting	GED Program	C	F	Education
81	Jena Grosser	Cancer Society	C	F	Education

82	Dottie Lester	Serenity Counseling	C	F	Treatment
83	Mike Hoffmeister	Noblesville Parks	C	M	Prevention
84	Kevin Mulroony	Hamilton County Community Corrections	C	M	Judiciary
85	Brandi Pass	Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office	C	F	Judiciary
86	Jeff Franklin	Sheridan School Resource Officer	C	F	Law Enforcement
87	Mary Beth Garcia	Hamilton Southeastern Parents in Partnership	C	F	Parent

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: There continues to be alcohol use among juveniles and alcohol abuse among adults in Hamilton County.

B. Supportive Data: According to the Indiana Prevention Resources Center 2013 survey, the national average of juveniles in the 10th grade using alcohol with the last month was 27.6%. The average for Indiana juveniles using in the same survey was 24.7%. Following is data from Hamilton County High schools:

Monthly alcohol use based on Sheridan data is:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	5.4%	8.5%	6.4%	5.0%	14.0%
9 th grade	29.7%	11.6%	18.6%	12.8%	18.7%
10 th grade	29.7%	26.4%	14.3%	12.9%	24.7%

Monthly alcohol use based on Hamilton Heights data:

	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	9.2%	4.3%	8.4%	14.0%
10 th grade	16.3%	16.5%	19.5%	24.7%
12 th grade	33.3%	25.2%	31.1%	34.9%

- In a review of monthly alcohol use in these two Hamilton County School Districts, IPRC 2013 survey data indicates that they are below the State average in their monthly alcohol use.
- In 2013, there were 1,052 juveniles' referrals made by law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County to the Hamilton County Juvenile Probation Department. Of the 1,052, 674 were of alcohol or drug related charges. The number of referrals and the number of overall charges declined sharply in 2013 when compared to the previous three (3) year average. However, the total number of alcohol/drug referrals declined by only 2% from the average. A variety of programs and services seem to be reducing the number of referrals and charges for juveniles in Hamilton County but the substance abuse category is one that seems to remain relatively unaffected.
- Current data not available, however the Hamilton County Probation Department completed 10,142 urine drug screens in 2012 with 29.5% returning positive. This represents a decrease of 43% from 2010 numbers. The decrease is due in large part to AnyTrax participants not being screened without reasonable suspicion.
- Current data not available, however, according to the 2012 TEDS data, Hamilton County had 699 clients in treatment for alcohol abuse and 353 reported alcohol dependence.
- The Suburban North Club (AA meeting house) reported that in 2013 they hosted forty-three (43) meetings per week with approximately 942 persons attending the various meetings per week. This represents an annual growth rate of 3.6% over the 2012's attendance.
- Current data not available, however, in 2012, 2,547 adults were assessed and referred by the Hamilton County Court Assisted Rehabilitative Efforts (C.A.R.E.) Program staff, which was an increase of 12 assessments from the previous year. Of the 2,547, 1,827 or 72% were male, 2,188 or 86% were between the ages of 18-45, and 1,613 or 63% stating that alcohol was their choice of drug.
- The Hamilton County Drug Court has been accepting participants into the program for three years (2010-2013). During this time period the Drug Court had two-hundred fifty (250) referrals, with fifty-three (53) persons being admitted to the program. Participants have ranged in age from 18 years old to 43 years old, with 33 men and 19 women as participants. During the past three year period, eighteen (18) have participants been terminated (13 men and 5 women) from the program. During the three year period seven (7) participants have graduated (2 men and 5 women).
- Pro-Active Resources' Program in 2013 at the Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center data indicates that sixty-nine (69) assessments were completed, sixty-six (66) teens participated in group therapy with total contacts being 464.
- Hamilton County Community Corrections most recent data indicates that the majority of their program participants are with them as a result of an Operating While Intoxicated

conviction or some other drug offense (61.2% of the Electronic Monitoring Program participants and 42% of the Residential Program participants). In addition the second highest criminogenic factor among all program participants, regardless of offense, is substance abuse.

- During 2013, the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office statistics show that 958 were arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The stats include some out of county residents but Hamilton County resident specific information is not available at this time.

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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C. Goals:

1. Increase number of juvenile alcohol related charges by 3% at the end of three years.
2. Increase number of adult alcohol related arrests by 7% at the end of three years.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Support in school evidence based prevention and intervention curriculum and activities for students regarding alcohol, including drug testing.
2. Work to educate the public, through booths at community events, town hall meetings and forums plus the use of media outlets to inform the public about the dangers of alcohol abuse.
3. Encourage the facilitation of academic mentoring programs to decrease the probability of poor academic achievers joining at risk peer-groups.
4. Continue to support Parents In Partnership (PIP) organizations currently in place and promote the starting of additional PIP's.
5. Support and promote county wide recognition programs for drug free youth, such as the annual Hamilton County Youth Service Awards.
6. Support and fund public and private agencies whose mission it is to decrease the use of alcohol among youth/adults, for example: Prevail, Aspire, Pro-Active Resources, Juvenile Detention Services Programming, and Hamilton County Out of School Suspension Program.
7. Continue to develop and fund alternative drug free social activities for children and teens in Hamilton County; for example: The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Free New Year's Eve Party.
8. Work with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) to establish additional groups and programs for the public in Hamilton County.

9. Encourage all police departments in Hamilton County to participate in the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.
10. Continue to fund the purchasing of equipment for local police departments and the sheriff department (For example: PBT's, in-car videos, drug dogs).
11. Hold police officers policy-training seminars regarding laws and procedures as they apply to alcohol offenses, at which time officers will be strongly urged to enforce existing laws as they relate to use of alcohol.
12. Promote parenting classes to explain parental responsibilities and legal consequences as they apply to serving, allowing or facilitating underage alcohol drinking.
13. Continue to support the Hamilton County Drug Court.
14. Provide support to the Northern Hamilton County Prevention Coalition through community education workshops, forums and dissemination of educational materials to prevent/reduce the negative issues of adult alcohol abuse.
15. Encourage persons to enroll and prepare themselves to take the GED Test.
16. Promote legislation to prohibit adults providing alcohol to minors (Social Hosting Ordinances).
17. Support Halfway House programming and treatment services.

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A. Problem Statement #2: There continues to be marijuana use among adults and juveniles in Hamilton County.

B. Supportive Data: According to the Indiana Prevention Resources 2013 survey, the national average of juveniles in the 10th grade using marijuana within the last month was 17.0%. The average for Indiana juveniles using in the same survey was 13.7%. Following is data for Hamilton County High Schools:

Monthly marijuana use based on Sheridan is:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	2.7%	5.6%	2.6%	1.7%	7.1%
9 th grade	13.5%	1.4%	14.3%	5.1%	9.7%
10 th grade	20.3%	11.1%	12.2%	4.3%	13.7%

Monthly marijuana use based on Hamilton Heights is:

	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	6.2%	3.5%	4.2%	7.1%
10 th grade	5.9%	12.9%	7.8%	13.7%
12 th grade	15.8%	15.1%	17.9%	17.6%

- In a review of monthly marijuana use in two Hamilton County School Districts IPRC 2013 survey data indicates that Sheridan and Hamilton Heights School Districts are below the State average in their monthly marijuana use except for the 12th grade at Sheridan.
- In 2013, there were 1,052 juveniles' referrals made by law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County to the Hamilton County Juvenile Probation Department. Of the 1,052, 674 were of alcohol or drug related charges. The number of referrals and the number of overall charges declined sharply in 2013 when compared to the previous three (3) year average. However, the total number of alcohol/drug referrals declined by only 2% from the average. A variety of programs and services seem to be reducing the number of referrals and charges for juveniles in Hamilton County but the substance abuse category is one that seems to remain relatively unaffected. The number of marijuana possession/paraphernalia charges decreased by 59 in 2013. (2012 – 306 – 2013 - 247).
- Current data not available, however, according to the 2012 TEDS data, Hamilton County had 699 residents in treatment for marijuana and 191 reported marijuana dependence.
- Current data not available, however, in 2012, 2,547 adults were assessed and referred by the Hamilton County Court Assisted Rehabilitative Efforts (C.A.R.E.) program staff, which was an increase of 12 assessments from the previous year. Of the 2,547, 1,827 or 72% were male, 2,188 or 86% were between the ages of 18-45 and 641 or 25% stated that marijuana was their choice of drug.
- Current data not available, however, the Hamilton County Probation Department completed 10,142 urine drug screens in 2012 with 29.5% returning positive. This represents a decreased of 43% from 2010 numbers. The decrease is due in large part to

AnyTrax participants are not screened without reasonable suspension. Of all positive screens, 56% were for marijuana.

- Hamilton County Community Corrections most recent data indicates that the majority of their program participants are with them as a result of an Operating While Intoxicated conviction or some other drug offense (61.2% of the Electronic Monitoring Program participants and 42% of the Residential Program participants) in addition the second highest criminogenic factor among all program participants is substance abuse.

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End of Year 2 Update:

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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C. Goals:

1. Decrease number of juvenile marijuana related charges by 3% at the end of three years.
2. Increase number of adult marijuana related arrests by 3% at the end of three years.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Work to educate the public, through booths at community events, town hall meetings and forums plus the use of media outlets to inform the public about the dangers of marijuana use.
2. Support in school evidence based prevention and intervention curriculum and activities for students regarding marijuana, including drug testing.
3. Support and promote county wide recognition programs for drug free youth, such as the annual Youth Service Awards.
4. Fund public and private agencies whose mission is to decrease the use of marijuana among youth/adults, for example: Prevail, Aspire, Pro-Active Resources, Juvenile Detention Services Programming, and Hamilton County Out of School Suspensions Program.
5. Continue to develop and fund alternative drug free social activities for children and teens in Hamilton County; for example: The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Free New Year's Eve Party.
6. Encourage the facilitation of academic mentoring programs to decrease the probability of poor academic achievers joining at risk peer-groups.
7. Conduct town hall meetings regarding medical, judicial, and psychological problems associated with underage drinking.
8. Continue to support Parents In Partnership (PIP) organizations currently in place and promote the starting of additional PIP's.
9. Work with Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous (AA & NA) to establish additional groups and programs for the public in Hamilton County.
10. Promote parenting classes to explain to explain parental responsibilities and legal consequences as they apply to allowing or facilitating marijuana use.

11. Encourage all police departments in Hamilton County to participate in the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.
12. Provide support to the Northern Hamilton County Prevention Coalition through community education, workshops, forums and dissemination of educational materials to prevent/reduce the negative issues of adult marijuana abuse.
13. Continue to support the Hamilton County Drug Court.
14. Encourage persons to enroll and prepare themselves and take the test to get their GED.

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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A. Problem Statement #3: There continues to be tobacco use among adults and juveniles in Hamilton County

B. Supportive Data: According to the Indiana Prevention Resources Center 2013 survey, the national average of juveniles in the 10th grade use tobacco within the last month was 10.8%. The average for Indiana juveniles using in the same survey was 12.6%. Following is data from Hamilton County High Schools:

Monthly tobacco use based on Sheridan data is:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	8.1%	12.7%	7.7%	1.7%	7.4%
9 th grade	21.6%	5.8%	14.3%	5.1%	10.4%
10 th grade	24.3%	20.8%	10.2%	10.0%	12.6%

Monthly tobacco use based on Hamilton Heights data is:

	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	6.2%	7.0%	4.2%	7.4%
10 th grade	7.8%	12.2%	10.2%	12.6%
12 th grade	28.9%	25.2%	15.1%	19.5%

- In a review of monthly tobacco use in two Hamilton County School Districts IPRC 2013 survey data indicates that Sheridan and Hamilton Heights School Districts are below the State average in their monthly tobacco use.
- Cigarette smoking has been shown to be a gateway drug that can lead to the use of other drugs. Evidence indicated that youth smokers are 10 to 50 times more likely than nonsmokers to use marijuana, cocaine, and other illicit drugs.
- According to the 2013 health rankings report, Hamilton County adult smoking rate is 13.0%.
- In 2013, Riverview Hospital conducted four (4) adult tobacco cessation classes with seven (7) participants completing the classes.
- The TEG classes served 54 youth in Hamilton County in 2013. Most of these are court referred due to a tobacco violation.
- The LCC, promoted the Tobacco Quitline and 109 Hamilton County residents took advantage of this program.

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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C. Goals:

1. **Increase tobacco cessation program participants for Hamilton County adults by 2% at the end of three years.**
2. **Increase number of Tobacco Referral Education Program participants by 5% at the end of three years.**

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Provide tobacco cessation programming for Hamilton County youth.
2. Provide tobacco cessation programming for Hamilton County adults.
3. Continue with the Tobacco Referral Educational Program as an alternative to fines.
4. Work with schools in putting on tobacco prevention and cessation programs.
5. Provide training to local enforcement officials to make them aware of smoking problems among Hamilton County youth and urge officials to enforce existing laws regarding tobacco use by youth.
6. Support efforts to decrease availability and sales to tobacco to youth through increased compliance checks.

7. Work to educate the public, through booths at community events, town hall meetings and forums plus the use of media outlets to inform the public about the dangers of tobacco products use.

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A. Problem Statement #4: There continues to be a problem regarding the abuse of and illicit use of controlled substances in Hamilton County.

B. Supportive Data: Following is prescription drugs data from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center 2013 Survey for Hamilton County High Schools.

Monthly Prescription Drugs use based on Sheridan data is:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
9 th grade	5.4%	2.9%	7.1%	2.6%	3.3%
10 th grade	10.8%	4.2%	0.0%	1.4%	4.3%

Monthly Prescription Drugs use based on Hamilton Heights data is:

	2011	2012	2013	State
8 th grade	3.1%	0.9%	2.8%	2.2%
10 th grade	2.0%	2.9%	0.0%	4.3%
12 th grade	7.9%	6.7%	6.6%	5.7%

- In a review of monthly prescription drug use in two Hamilton County School Districts, IPRC 2013 survey data indicates that Sheridan and Hamilton Heights School District are below the State averages in their monthly prescription drug use except for the Hamilton Heights 8th and 12th grades.

- Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.
- Current data not available, however, the Hamilton County Probation Department completed 10,142 urine drug screens in 2012 with 29.5% returning positive. This represents a decrease of 43% from 2010 numbers. The decrease is due in large part to Anytrax participants are not screen without reasonable suspension. Opiates now represent 27% of all positive screens versus less than 5% in year 2000.
- The office of National Drug Control policy has found that "next to marijuana the most common illegal drug teens are using to get high are prescription medications."
- Current data not available, however, in 2012, 2547 adults were assessed and referred by the Hamilton County Court Assisted Rehabilitative Efforts (C.A.R.E.) Program staff, which was an increase of 12 assessments from the previous year. Of the 2,547, 1,827 or 72% were male, 2,188 or 86% were between the ages of 18-45 and 225 or 8.8% stating that opiates was their choice of drug.
- The Hamilton County Drug Task Force reports that illegal sale of prescription medications are prominent and on the rise in Hamilton County. Also due to extremely addictive nature of these drugs, persons who use/deal these drugs often commit various crimes to finance their habit/addiction.

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C. Goals:

- 1. Conduct at least two (2) Prescription Drug Drop Off Days in Hamilton County each year.**
- 2. Increase number of controlled substances arrests by 5% at the end of three years.**

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D. Objectives:

1. Create handouts to be distributed to the general public outlining the important data relative to misuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs in Hamilton County.
2. Provide funding and other support to Hamilton County organizations which seek to prevent and reduce the effects of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
3. Provide funding for proper disposal of unused medications.
4. Work with pharmacies, law enforcement, schools, churches and other agencies to create a community wide plan for addressing prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse.
5. Work with the Hamilton County Drug Task Force in developing a better tracking system to track the prescription drug problems.
6. Conduct an awareness campaign that informs the general public that prescription drugs and over the counter drugs are being abused in Hamilton County.
7. Support and provide Prescription Drugs and Over the Counter Drugs Drop Off Day events.

8. Support treatment programs for those persons who have been identified as abusing prescription and over the counter drugs.
9. Increase the awareness of the signs of heroin use and increase the awareness of the existence of heroin use in Hamilton County.

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Next Annual Update Due: 3/2015

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 3/2018

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